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## Acronyms

<b>AKDN</b>	Aga Khan Development Network
<b>Bush School</b>	The Bush School of Government and Public Service
<b>C&amp;D</b>	Conflict and Development at Texas A&M University
<b>CDF</b>	Conflict and Development Foundation
<b>CRS</b>	Catholic Relief Services
<b>COALS</b>	The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
<b>CONDEV</b>	Conflict and Development at Texas A&M University
<b>DRC</b>	Democratic Republic of the Congo
<b>HESN</b>	Higher Education Solutions Network
<b>HGBF</b>	The Howard G. Buffett Foundation
<b>IES</b>	Institute for Economic Stability
<b>KOICA</b>	Korean International Cooperation Agency
<b>M&amp;E</b>	Monitoring and Evaluation
<b>NGO</b>	Nongovernmental Organization
<b>SRPH</b>	Texas A&M Health Science Center School of Rural Public Health
<b>TAMU</b>	Texas A&M University
<b>USAID</b>	United States Agency for International Development

## Executive Summary

During the first quarter of program implementation the C&D Lab has accomplished and made progress on key milestones, objectives, and activities. The C&D Lab has focused attention on designing and organizing the C&D Strategy Workshop, publicizing and expanding the work of the Strategic Analytics Lab, and disseminating knowledge through new student engagement initiatives. These student engagement initiatives have included providing a new course on the Economics of Conflict and Development, designing an undergraduate C&D Certificate, establishing the C&D Academy, and collaborating through a Capstone Course. Major events during the first quarter have included the HESN launch event in Washington D.C. and the launch of the C&D Lab at TAMU. The C&D Lab has streamlined its branding and marketing protocols and expanded its online reach and presence through an interim website and disseminating content across major social media outlets. Additionally, the C&D Lab has strengthened key partnerships at TAMU by creating Senior Advisor positions and initiated collaborative opportunities with fellow HESN member institutions. Importantly, the C&D Lab supported close coordination with USAID counterparts throughout program implementation in the first quarter. The C&D Lab looks forward to building upon the dynamic momentum created during the first quarter.

## Part I: Major Milestones and Events Completed

### I.1. Milestones

- **Design and organize the C&D Strategy Workshop**

The C&D Lab worked with USAID counterparts to design and organize the C&D Strategy Workshop. The purpose of the C&D Strategy Workshop is to frame and prioritize the issues concerning development interventions and policy responses in fragile and conflict-affected states and determine how the C&D Lab will implement research programs to address these issues. The C&D Strategy Workshop planning process has included engagement with researchers and practitioners across the Texas A&M System, USAID representatives, partner higher education institutions, foundations, private sector firms, NGOs, and institutional representatives from fragile and conflict-affected states to ensure stakeholders contribute to the C&D Lab's future programmatic and research agenda.

- **Continue ongoing research and strengthening the existing database at the Strategic Analytics Lab**

C&D Lab staff, faculty, and students have continued ongoing research that utilizes macro databases and other data assets to help understand underlying relationships among poverty, food security, technology, development assistance and conflict. Additionally, the C&D Lab has input, coded, and aggregated additional micro and macro data to expand existing databases.

- **Disseminate knowledge and training by providing an Economics of Conflict & Development undergraduate and graduate course, designing a certificate in conflict and development, founding the C&D Academy, and collaborating with the Bush School for Government and Public Service through a Capstone Project**

The C&D Lab has disseminated or has initiated activities that will disseminate conflict and development knowledge and training. First, the C&D Lab provided an undergraduate and graduate course on the "Economics of Conflict and Development" at Texas A&M University in the Spring 2013 term. Second, Five graduate students have elected to conduct their thesis research on conflict and development. Third the C&D Lab designed and submitted the C&D Certificate program to TAMU academic administration for review, processing, and approval. Fourth, faculty and staff affiliated with the C&D Lab organized the C&D Academy to increase undergraduate student engagement with the C&D Lab and the HESN. Fifth, the C&D Lab has collaborated with the Bush School of Government and Public Service through a Capstone Project in the Spring 2013 semester.

### I.2. Events

- **HESN Launch in Washington, DC – November 5 -9, 2012**

Core staff and TAMU partners of the C&D Lab participated in the HESN Launch hosted by USAID. At the launch event the C&D Lab attended scheduled events and made contact with other HESN member institutions and USAID staff.

- **C&D Core Team Retreat in Bastrop, Texas: December 12 – 14, 2012**

The core C&D Lab staff and advisors met for a two-day retreat to conduct strategic planning. The team retreat provided an opportunity for all core staff and advisors to focus on identifying and addressing objectives, timelines, and resource targets for the HESN award.

- **Introductory HESN/USAID visit to TAMU: December 17 – 19, 2012**

The C&D Lab hosted Michelle L'Archeveque, Malcom Phelps, and Joseph Hewitt, the primary USAID support team, for two days in College Station, Texas. Meetings focused on making contacts with potential partners at TAMU, providing the background and objectives of the HESN, and conducting preliminary planning activities.

- **C&D Launch at TAMU: January 24 – 25, 2013**

The C&D Lab hosted Larry Garber for the formal launch of the C&D Lab at TAMU. The C&D Launch was held at the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum and included speeches by representatives of the C&D Lab, Bush School, COALS, and SRPH, and USAID. Additionally, Larry Garber presented a lecture to the TAMU community and participated in general planning sessions for the C&D Lab.

- **C&D Trip to Washington, DC: February 6 – 8, 2013**

C&D staff as well as members of the affiliated capstone group attended meetings with USAID bureaus and offices related to conflict and development.

### I.3. Publications

- Price, E., Kibriya, S. and Zhang, Y. "The Dilemma of Biodiversity and Specialization in Agricultural Development", *Journal of Development and Agricultural Economics*. Forthcoming.
- Kibriya, S., Zhang, Y. and Price, E. "Can World Peace be built on Empty Stomachs", Submitted to *Development Policy Review*.
- Kibriya, S., Price, E. and Bessler, D. "Urban poverty, rural poverty, and income inequality: The case study of pre-reform India", Under Review *Asian Economic Journal*.

### I.4. Communications

Finalize Branding Guidelines/Protocols - The C&D Lab staff has devised several branding guidelines and protocols during the first quarter:

- C&D Lab staff developed the following consistent program description: "Texas A&M University is a member of USAID's Higher Education Solutions Network (HESN)— a partnership which aims to utilize academic institutions to help fuel research and progress in tackling our world's most challenging development problems. As one of seven institutions selected to join the HESN, Conflict and Development at Texas A&M University seeks to improve the effectiveness of development solutions for conflict-affected and fragile countries."
- AgriLife Communications and TAMU Marketing and Communications have approved the C&D Lab's university-branded logo.

- Third, C&D Lab staff designed the “C&D Mountain” template that features on all official online and printed materials.
- C&D Lab staff has included USAID and HESN logos in official online and printed materials.
- C&D Lab staff has created a blog on Tumblr and presented approximately thirty posts. This blog has attracted more than 1000 visits and 3200 page views.
- C&D Lab staff has created accounts on popular social media sites, such as Facebook, Twitter, Google+, and YouTube that are branded under the username “ConDevCenter” and reach hundreds of people weekly.

\*Please see the Appendix for a list of Local and Online Press Announcements.

## Part 2: Description of Key Activities

### 2.1. Quarter Objectives

The Objectives the C&D Lab focused on this quarter include:

**C&D Lab Objective 1:** Identify and define critical problems facing conflict-affected and fragile countries.

**C&D Lab Objective 2:** Inform better solutions to critical problems facing conflict-affected and fragile countries through data collection and analysis.

**C&D Lab Objective 4:** Expand the community of problem solvers to create a global network addressing priority issues in fragile and conflict-affected countries.

### 2.2. Summary of Key Activities

Since the kick-off of the HESN in November 2012, the C&D Lab and USAID have completed the program management activities below:

- Supplement core staffing and support personnel for the C&D Lab: TAMU has hired Meghan Kenney and Jerry Kenney to serve as Business Manager and Network Coordinator, respectively. Additionally, the C&D Lab has brought on two graduate student workers, Caitlin Shaw and Gabriel Vander Hey, to assist with financial management and program coordination, respectively.
- Complete the six-month work plan: The C&D Lab staff has completed and submitted multiple workplan iterations to USAID and has worked collaboratively with USAID counterparts to finalize the workplan for the first six months of implementation.

In the first quarter the C&D Lab has made progress on several internal communications and organization initiatives that it continues to pursue in subsequent quarters:

- Initiate and manage inter-college communication: Through targeted email correspondences, event support, and shared Senior Advisor personnel the C&D Lab has established and continues to strengthen effective working relationships with the primary TAMU institutional partners COALS, the Bush School, and the School of Rural Public Health.
- Finalize Branding Guidelines/Protocols: The C&D Lab staff has devised several branding guidelines and protocols during the first quarter. These activities are described in section “1.4 Communications”.

- Gain official recognition from the Texas A&M University Board of Regents as a “University Center”: The C&D Lab staff have submitted proposals to relevant TAMU academic administrators for initial review. The approval process will include multi-stage reviews and revisions until the final proposal to establish the “C&D Center” gains approval from the TAMU Board of Regents.
- Design the Conflict and Development Advisory Board and the Conflict and Development Program Advisory Council: The C&D Lab has selected key partners from primary TAMU institutional partners COALS, Bush School, and SRPH to serve as Senior Advisors. These personnel will form the structural basis for the C&D Advisory Board. Additionally, the C&D Lab has established working relationships with faculty across the TAMU campus and partner institutions through engagement activities such as the launch event, workshop participation, and capstone. These working relationships will be transitioned into the C&D Program Advisory Council.
- Complete the five year Monitoring and Evaluation Plan and Initiate M&E activities: M&E activities for the first quarter are described in “Part 6: Monitoring & Evaluation”.
- Initiate and manage external partner communications and networking: External partner communications and networking activities for the first quarter are described in section “1.4 Communications” and “Part 5: Collaboration with Other Development Labs”.
- Hire a postdoctoral scholar: The C&D Lab staff have written the postdoc position description and coordinated administrative processing to announce the postdoc description in the first quarter.

The C&D Lab has completed the following activities for Objective 1:

- **Activity 1.1:** The C&D Lab staff has organized the Conflict and Development Strategy Workshop among USAID staff, scholars and leaders to identify, assess, and prioritize the problems, constraints, and dilemmas that affect programs and development policies in and for fragile and conflict-affected states and determine how these issues will be effectively addressed by the C&D Lab. The C&D Lab staff have completed the following key organizational tasks in coordination with USAID counterparts in the first quarter:
  - Confirmed date;
  - Scheduled Venue;
  - Invited guests and speakers;
  - Confirmed subject areas and themes; and
  - Traveled to Washington, D.C. for meeting with USAID to conduct workshop-planning activities.

The C&D Lab has completed the following activities for Objective 2:

- **Activity 2.1:** Conduct ongoing research at the Strategic Analytics Lab. The C&D Lab staff has continued ongoing research that utilizes macro databases and other data assets to help understand underlying relationships among poverty, food security, technology, development assistance and conflict. C&D Center Assistant Director Shahriar Kibriya, C&D Center Director Edwin Price, program coordinator Jaehyun Ahn, and graduate students Yu Zhang and Junyi Chen have led these research initiatives.

The C&D Lab has completed the following key activities for Objective 4:

- **Activity 4.1:** Design and provide a conflict and development undergraduate/graduate course. The C&D Lab has provided an undergraduate and graduate course on Conflict and Development at TAMU in the Spring 2013 term. Dr. Edwin C. Price, the Director of the C&D Lab, has delivered the course based on his experience administering development programs and conducting research in fragile and conflict-affected countries. The course is titled, “Economics of Foreign Intervention, Conflict, and Development,” and has covered economic and socio-political models of conflict, quantitative techniques and methods in conflict and development research, and the role of strategic sectors and stakeholder in conflict resolution and economic development. The C&D Lab staff completed the following tasks to present the course in the first quarter:
  - Coordinated administrative processing for C&D course recognition;
  - Developed the course syllabus;
  - Managed student registration; and
  - Conducted course sessions.
  
- **Activity 4.2:** Design and complete administrative processing to initiate the C&D Certificate. The C&D Certificate will provide undergraduate students from all academic backgrounds an opportunity to gain in-depth knowledge and understanding of the relationship between conflict and economic development. The C&D Lab staff has designed the 18 credit hour C&D Certificate curriculum and course syllabi with three specialized courses, “Economics of Foreign Intervention, Conflict, and Development,” “Conflict and Food Security in Asia and Africa,” and “Role of Science and Technology in Conflict and Poverty Alleviation.” These courses will be offered in the summer and fall 2013 sessions.
  
- **Activity 4.3:** Plan and initiate the Conflict and Development Academy. The C&D Academy will promote student participation in seminars, workshops, and courses provided through the C&D Lab and support students to seek internships and other experiential learning opportunities with partner HESN institutions, government agencies, bilateral and multilateral organizations, NGOs, and other organizations involved in international humanitarian and development work. The C&D Lab has targeted participation from the TAMU Corps of Cadets. The Corps of Cadets trains future U.S. military officers who will benefit from knowledge of the interrelationships between conflict and development during future deployments in complex operations. The C&D Lab has completed the following tasks to initiate the C&D Academy in the first quarter:
  - Defined mission and student eligibility requirements;
  - Invited student participation; and
  - Collected student applications and conducted the selection process.
  
- **Activity 4.4:** Capstone Course. The C&D Lab has collaborated with the Bush School in the first quarter to conduct a Capstone Course. Through the Capstone, eight graduate students conducted in-depth reviews on Afghanistan, Burma, and the DRC, respectively, and provided recommendations for future research programs. The C&D Lab staff completed the following tasks to organize the Capstone:
  - Collaborated with Bush School faculty to identify a capstone project;

- Conducted initial meetings to outline specific deliverables; and
- Consulted with Capstone project students and faculty leaders.

## Part 3: Intra-Development Lab/ University Engagement

### 3.1. Interdisciplinary Collaboration

The C&D Lab has promoted engagement across TAMU through several interdisciplinary initiatives. First, the C&D Lab has facilitated an effective working relationship among the three principal TAMU institutional partners: the COALS, the Bush School, and the SRPH. The C&D Lab has appointed at least one faculty of each of these TAMU institutional partners as C&D Senior Advisors. Senior Advisors appointed during the first quarter include Fred Boadu and David Bessler of the COALS, Andrew Natsios of the Bush School, and Rasul Ramji of the SRPH. Second, the C&D Lab has organized ConDev Lectures, open meetings, and social events to support wide engagement across the university community.

These events include the C&D Lab Launch, photo exhibit, and reception as well as the first ConDev Lecture, which featured Larry Garber. These programs have attracted diverse attendees from numerous academic departments. When possible the C&D Lab uploads event videos, pressing materials, and meeting notes on the interim website for public access. Third, the C&D Lab has contacted representatives from multiple TAMU departments to participate as presenters and responders at the C&D Strategy Workshop in Washington, D.C. in April. Multidisciplinary engagement during the workshop will contribute to integrating the C&D Lab within the wider TAMU community, providing additional resources to draw upon during planning and implementation of C&D research programs.

### 3.2. Partner Engagement

In the first quarter the C&D Lab has continued to strengthen existing partnerships and pursue engagement with additional partners. The C&D Lab works closely with the HGBF and CDF on multiple food security and conflict mitigation projects in the DRC. Livelihoods initiatives in the DRC include collaboration with CRS. Additionally, the C&D Lab is partnering with IES to monitor previous agricultural and community development investments in Afghanistan. More recently, the C&D Lab has begun correspondences and meetings with KOICA and AKDN to explore opportunities for current and future programmatic synergies.

### 3.3. Student Engagement

The C&D Lab has engaged TAMU students through several initiatives (as described in the “Description of Key Activities Section”) in the first quarter, particularly:

- The hiring of graduate student workers to assist with financial management and program coordination.
- **Activity 4.1:** Conflict and development undergraduate/graduate course
- **Activity 4.3:** Conflict and Development Academy
- **Activity 4.4:** Capstone Course

### 3.4. Lessons Learned/ Good Practices

Through the first quarter the C&D Lab has identified the following lessons and/or good practices for intra-development lab/university engagement initiatives:

- Engagement opportunities that complement existing initiatives in partner institutions, such as courses, the Capstone project, the C&D Academy, and other events, rather than create new initiatives have been the most effective.

## Part 4: USAID Engagement

### 4.1. Interactions

The C&D Lab and the primary USAID support team have conducted weekly phone calls for much of the first quarter.

- A) The purpose of these calls has been to establish and maintain consistent communications between the C&D Lab and the USAID support team for activity planning and management.
- B) Each week the C&D Lab and USAID support team have discussed program updates, upcoming activities, reporting and logistics, and other priorities.
- C) Each weekly phone call results in follow-up items for the C&D Lab and USAID support team to accomplish.

Additionally, the C&D Lab has interacted with USAID staff through several visits and events during the first quarter.

- **HESN Launch in Washington, DC: November 5 -9, 2012**

At the launch event the C&D Lab staff attended scheduled events and made contact with other HESN member institutions and USAID staff. This event marked the first opportunity for the C&D Lab staff to meet the USAID counterparts and support team.

- **Introductory HESN/USAID visit to TAMU: December 17 – 19, 2012**

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- **C&D Trip to Washington, DC: February 6 – 8, 2013**

C&D staff as well as members of the affiliated capstone group attended meetings with USAID bureaus and offices related to conflict and development, specifically to increase interest and USAID staff engagement in the C&D Strategy Workshop.

#### 4.2. Lessons Learned/ Good Practices

Through the first quarter the C&D Lab has identified the following lessons and/or good practices for USAID engagement:

- Consistent, frequent communication, such as the weekly phone calls, strengthens working relationships, encourages mutual accountability, and establishes effective planning mechanisms.
- Having a stable USAID support team has improved the C&D Lab's organization and performance in the HESN award.
- Recurring working visits to College Station and to Washington, D.C. have provided opportunities for promoting cohesion and resulted in periods of rapid productivity.

### Part 5: Collaboration with Other Development Labs

#### 5.1. Interactions

In the first quarter the C&D Lab engaged fellow Development Labs through the HESN Launch event. Particularly, the C&D Lab and the William and Mary Lab discussed opportunities for collaborative initiatives collecting, storing, analyzing, and disseminating conflict data. This partnership will be further developed through the sharing of workplans, correspondences, and possible site visits.

Additionally, the C&D Lab identified potential synergies with educational institutions in fragile and conflict-affected countries that may also be partners in Makerere University's ResilientAfrica Lab. The C&D Lab has integrated consideration of partnership opportunities into future program planning, such as workplans, site visits, and field lab locations.

#### 5.2. Lessons Learned/ Good Practices

Through the first quarter the C&D Lab has identified the following lessons and/or good practices for collaboration with other development labs:

- Effective periods of collaboration have required designated, focused sessions, such as the Director's meeting
- Collaboration in the first quarter was impeded as each Development Lab focused on internal organization, planning, and management issues
- Clear opportunities for collaboration are emerging between Development Labs and opportunities to capitalize on synergies should be identified and encouraged by USAID

## Part 6: Monitoring & Evaluation

### 6.1. Preparation Activities

The C&D Lab has worked in coordination with USAID staff to improve its monitoring and evaluation framework in the first quarter. USAID support staff in partnership with Mission Measurement developed an initial Texas A&M C&D Lab Results Framework. The C&D Lab reviewed and adopted this initial framework to guide preliminary program and M&E planning, including the development of indicators for intermediate results. The C&D Lab has integrated the draft C&D Lab Results Framework while USAID staff revised the HESN Results Framework and issued updated M&E guidelines. Additionally, the C&D Lab staff have analyzed budget projections and prepared a scope of work to hire 0.5 full-time equivalent personnel to organize and direct the M&E process.

### 6.2. Ongoing Monitoring & Evaluation

Instructions in this section will be provided for future Quarterly Reports. This section will be used to notate your progress toward Lab-level and Network-level indicators and support annual roll-up for tracking.

## Part 7: Looking Ahead

### 7.1. Calendar of Events

APRIL 2013				
DATES	EVENT	DESCRIPTION	USAID Leadership/ Involvement	Development Lab Collaboration
4/23-4/25	C&D Strategy Workshop	The C&D Center will convene the Conflict and Development Strategy Workshop (C&D Strategy Workshop) in collaboration with USAID in Washington D.C. to frame and prioritize the issues concerning development interventions and policy responses in fragile and conflict-affected states. The primary mission of the C&D Strategy Workshop is to identify, assess, and prioritize the problems, constraints, and dilemmas that affect programs and development policies in and for fragile and conflict-affected states to determine how these issues will be effectively addressed by the C&D Center. By presenting the breadth of problems, constraints, and dilemmas in fragile and conflict-affected countries and then prioritizing key challenges, the C&D Strategy Workshop will provide an accessible venue for program stakeholders to contribute to the C&D Center's future programmatic and	USAID representatives will serve as moderators during the presentation and respondent panels, as well as audience members during the discussion sections of the conference.	

		research aims. The C&D Center will seek participation from researchers and practitioners across the Texas A&M System, USAID representatives, partner higher education institutions, foundations, private sector firms, NGOs, and institutional representatives from fragile and conflict-affected states. Listed below are descriptions of specific activities, with their respective time frames, that the C&D Center will complete to effectively organize and host the C&D Strategy Workshop.		
4/1 – 4/28	Internship Program	C&D will initiate an internship program with students from the Bush School as well as the School of Rural and Public Health. Areas for interns to work in will include quantitative research, qualitative research, monitoring and evaluation, and program management.		
<b>MAY 2013</b>				
<b>DATES</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>USAID Leadership/ Involvement</b>	<b>Development Lab Collaboration</b>
5/1 – 5/3	Dr. Alex Dehgan Visit to Tamu	Alex Dehgan, Ticora Jones, and Michelle L'Acheveque will visit Texas A&M University. During their visit, the USAID staff and C&D Lab Core Staff will participate in several meetings involving university officials and student groups. Dr. Dehgan will give a lecture on technology and its relationship to	Alex Dehgan, Ticora Jones, and Michelle L'Acheveque will work with C&D staff to finalize schedules for the visit.	

		conflict and development.		
5/7/13	Quarterly Report Due	C&D Staff will submit the first quarterly report covering October 1, 2012 – March 31, 2013. This report will include all major milestones and events since the founding of the C&D Lab.	Edits and additional input about changes that needed to be made as well as supplying the format for the report.	
5/15/13	Second Six Month Workplan Due	C&D Staff, with input from USAID, will complete and submit the second six-month workplan that will cover May 10 through November 9, 2013.	USAID staff will provide input.	
	Trip to the DR Congo	Vince Partida, Gavin Finnegan, J. Lotade, and Ed Price will assess potential investments in the food and agricultural sectors for income and job creation in North Kivu province; and plan for investment in border trade facilities linking Rwanda and DR Congo at Goma/Gisenyi ports of entry. Will cooperate with Catholic Relief Services, IITA, HG Buffett Foundation and Texas A&M.		
5/27	Internships begin	Interns will begin their summer internships with the C&D Lab.		
<b>JUNE 2013</b>				
<b>DATES</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>USAID Leadership/ Involvement</b>	<b>Development Lab Collaboration</b>
Flexible	Trip to Afghanistan	Jerry Kenney, C&D Network Coordinator will travel to Afghanistan with partners to review previous USG and private sector investments in the agricultural and community development sectors.	Please advise the mission of Jerry's travel to the country.	
<b>JULY 2013</b>				

<b>DATES</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>USAID Leadership/ Involvement</b>	<b>Development Lab Collaboration</b>
7/10 – 7/20	Trip to Angola	E. Price is planning a trip on planning of comprehensive study of impacts of alternative national water control and management strategies in the Okavango water systems of Angola, Namibia, and Botswana. In cooperation with the H.G. Buffett Foundation		
<b>AUGUST 2013</b>				
<b>DATES</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>USAID Leadership/ Involvement</b>	
8/5 -8/9	Year 2 Workplan	The C&D core staff will compile the second year workplan to be submitted to USAID for review.		
8//16	Summer Internship Program Ends	C&D Staff will review the summer internship program and evaluate the ways in which to improve the program for the following year.		
8/19 – 8/23	Year 2 Workplan Review	USAID will review the year two workplan.	Review the Year Two Workplan	
<b>SEPTEMBER 2013</b>				
<b>DATES</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>USAID Leadership/ Involvement</b>	
9/2 – 9/6	Submit Final Workplan	C&D will submit the Final Draft of the year two workplan	Review the year two final workplan	
9/9 – 9/27	Year two workplan approval	USAID will approve of the year two workplan	Approve of the year two final workplan	
<b>No Specific Date</b>				
	Trip to Afghanistan	Initial trip to establish the C&D Signature Lab in Afghanistan.	Advise the local mission that C&D Staff will be traveling to the area.	
	Trip To DRC	Initial trip to establish the C&D Signature Lab in DRC	Advise the local mission that C&D Staff will be travelling to the area	

	Trip to Angola	Trip to review the Okavango Watershed and the effects of water rights on conflict and Development		
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## 7.2. Description of Future Activities

Briefly describe your plans for future activities (outlined above) that will be performed in subsequent months. Rather than duplicating information contained in the workplans, include details that will assist your AOR and Activity Managers with preparation for supporting your activities. Areas of USAID input or collaboration opportunities should be identified.

### 7.2.1. Milestones

- Convene working groups
- Review, select, and initiate field labs
- Continue ongoing research at the Strategic Analytics Lab

### 7.2.2. Events

During the next quarter the C&D Lab will be concentrating on convening working groups and reviewing, selecting, and initiating field labs. The C&D Lab may organize meetings and launch events to initiate field lab activities.

### 7.2.3. Publications

- Conflict and Food Security in Liberia
- Peace and Development: Causes and Prediction
- White papers on field lab assessments and selection

### 7.2.4. Communications

Press releases will be created for field lab assessment and selection activities. Additionally, once field lab research programs commence the C&D Lab will develop communications materials to disseminate. The C&D Lab will improve and expand its current website and social media materials.

## Part 8: Appendix

### 8.1 List of Local and Online Press Announcements

TAMUTimes: *Texas A&M Selected By USAID For Key Role In Solving International Development Challenges*. Link: <http://goo.gl/QJHry>

WTAW.com: *A&M Selected for Federal Global Initiative*. Link: <http://goo.gl/mW6Yo>

The Battalion: *Texas A&M named partner in global solutions network*. Link: <http://goo.gl/BTx17>

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Student Blog: *Texas A&M Selected By USAID For Key Role In Solving International Development Challenges*. Link: <http://goo.gl/i71jt>

AgriLife Today: *Proposed Center on Conflict and Development unveiled at Texas A&M*. Link: <http://goo.gl/zXZG4>

Bush Library: *Conflict & Development: The Nexus of Animals, Environment, and the Human Condition*. Link: <http://goo.gl/fpb8G>

TAMUTimes: *Center on Conflict & Development Workshop Webcasting Now*. Link: <http://goo.gl/Xmiu9>